

■ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION■

Monday, March 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner*
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary*
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner*
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner*
C. Wiese – Youth Commissioner*

J. Burden, STC PD*
E. Mahan, STC PD
J. Keegan, Chief of Police
R. Rogina, Mayor
STC Aldermen
M. Koenen, City Administrator
J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*
N. Chaney, STC Library
J. O’Neal, TriCity
P. Palagi, D303*

*Attended meeting

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:01 p.m.
- II. Approval of the minutes from the February 2021 meeting. Commissioner Saylor made motion. Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Clavelli
 - A. Current balance: \$7,425.00
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. In an *Instagram* post, the Fox Valley Food for Health organization thanked the Youth Commission for the funds the Commission provided.
- V. Presentations
 - A. Judge Clint Hull updated the group on his proposal from last month. The Mark Potter speaking engagement was moved to the fall since many sports are trying to fit in their seasons at the end of this school year. He will keep us informed and submit a funding request once more details are decided upon.
- VI. Reports
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - i. D303 – Patti Palagi
 - a. Commissioner Clavelli met with the DPTO group in February
 - b. Plans for next year have started
 - c. Kindergarten registration has started
 - d. Short videos are posted on the D303 website to address social emotional learning topics as a resource for parents
 - e. There is also a “Virtual Calming Room” available for students.
 - ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman
 - a. Sports have started back up. There are more kids participating.
 - b. The Youth Commission funded train event has been rescheduled to take place during the St. Charles Business Alliance Partnership’s St. Patrick’s Day events. The train ride takes place in Mt. St. Mary Park. There are

currently about 20 spots left with over 50 taken. The Blue Goose donated cookies. The Teen Center will raise about \$1600 from this event.

- c. The Teen Center has been bringing in new students. There were 6-10 new visitors in February. More girls have been attending and they are bringing friends.
- d. The Park District did not get enough registrations to run a program for remote learners in February for middle schoolers. The cost would increase for families if fewer people were enrolled, but this is something the Park District is looking into.
- e. The drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt is coming up. 1,500 kids will be able to participate. The event is being planned and carried out with the help of lots of community partners.
- f. The Park District is hiring for summer positions.

iii. Police Department – Jim Burden

- a. There was one juvenile arrest since the February meeting.
- b. Three out of four D303 school officers gave reports on incidents within their buildings. There were 3 vaping incidents related to tobacco, 5 related to cannabis, and one incident reported for fighting.

iv. Library Programs – absent

v. TriCity Family Services – absent

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report

- i. Commissioner Wiese connected with Molly Denz to discuss the S.T.C. Learn organization. Information from this interview will be sent to Lisa Garhan to be published and/or posted.
- ii. Molly Denz is also planning to provide an update to the Youth Commission in April or May.

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. This group met virtually on February 18, 2021.
- ii. Two new Wredling student consultants and one new student consultant from St. Charles East were in attendance. All learned about the opportunity from one of their teachers. Commissioners Clavelli and Kristofer are grateful to Patti Palagi and Dr. Cindy Ruesch for participating in our joint meeting and for spreading the word in the district to help us reach more students.
- iii. In addition, we recently received a new student consultant application from a St. Charles East student who read about this opportunity in the *Black and Orange* newsletter. Our youth consultant, Mckayla Mitchell, designed the images that are being used as marketing. We were able to virtually share these images at our meeting with the other consultants as well.
- iv. At the meeting, after introductions, Commissioners Clavelli and Kristofer explained the purpose of the group and also talked about the role of student consultants. We will regularly ask for middle school and high school updates. Our new middle schoolers are both fully remote but express enthusiasm, optimism, and appreciation for the work their teachers have been doing.

- v. Commissioner Clavelli shared the Youth Commission message at a DPTO meeting and also directed those in attendance to the city's website to learn more about all of the commissions.

VII. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. Commissioner Weick will reach out to find out if there are plans to open up the windows again.

B. Ongoing marketing

- i. Chairperson Muenz saw the graphic Mckayla created in the Orange and Black newsletter.

C. Impact Award

- i. We have a new nomination from Chairperson Muenz.
- ii. Chairperson Muenz will also find out when we can get these individuals onto the agenda for City Council.

VIII. New Business

A. Funding Requests

i. H.O.P.E. Hustle – St. Charles East High School

- a. Organization rep Ansley Hirth stated the focus of this group is mental health awareness and suicide prevention.
- b. The organization is requesting \$2,000 to help with the H.O.P.E. Hustle, which is typically a community wide event, but this year because of COVID, it will be limited to STC East students.
- c. This event is always viewed as a way to raise awareness and build community among students which is why the organization would like to provide a free t-shirt for all St. Charles East students, along with a H.O.P.E. towel, this year.
- d. Commissioner Kristofer made motion to fund the full amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Wiese seconded; motion carried unanimously.

ii. Illinois Special Olympics (ISO) Kickball Game – St. Charles East High School.

- a. Students from a Leadership Studies class worked together on a service-learning project to fundraise for the ISO team at East.
- b. There is typically an event called "The Big Game" but this year because of COVID, it will be kickball instead of basketball. Also as a result of COVID, the ISO Team is short funds for summer camps so any money raised from the event will go towards this.

- c. The group is asking for \$200 for equipment and sanitization supplies. After a lengthy discussion opened up by Commissioner Stock, the group expressed an interest in funding more than the original request. Commissioner Muenz made a motion to approve the request for \$2,000 as opposed to the \$200 with any leftover funds from kickball going directly to the ISO organization to be used as needed. Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Announcements

- A. Masks are still available for youth commissioners at the Police Department.

X. Public Comment – none

XI. Adjournment

- A. Commissioner Weick made motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm; Commissioner Stock seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner